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Dear Mr. Scheinberg:

Thanks very much for your letter of March 18 and the material you enclosed.

The specific incident or incidents interest me less than the attempt of the radical faculty to work out a position and to talk some good radical sense about the issues. This it seems to me might well yield a good Nation piece.

Wouldn't you agree that in part at least this "infantile nihilism" is due to the fact that there is not much of a modern radical Left to which the young just might relate? I understand of course that "socialism" is an old word and that the "old Left" is not to be listened to -- or so the young seem to believe -- but I believe there is a larger issue involved, that is the kind of vacuum that has existed insofar as radical critical thought is concerned.

Should you decide to submit a piece, let me say that most of our articles are about 10 to 12 pages double-spaced typewritten and if you do decide to submit a manuscript would you be good enough to fill out and return the enclosed form with the copy?

Best wishes,



Carey McWilliams  
Editor